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Wind, Trees, Rain Keep Troopers Busy

Troopers assigned to the Port Angeles Detachment of the Washington State Patrol have had a busy morning due to the extreme weather hitting the Washington coast and the North Olympic Peninsula. Starting with the first reports at 3:00 am this morning and continuing through 11:30 am troopers have responded to 47 calls for service. The calls mainly include down power lines and trees blocking several of the roadways. Troopers are working with the Washington Department of Transportation manning closed roads and coordinating detours when available.

A reminder to all drivers:

Proceed with care as you travel the highways.

Be on the lookout for Troopers and DOT crews clearing and working along the roadways.

Expect delays, leave plenty of time to reach your destination.

Drivers should pack extra patients, so all drivers will get home safely.

Top off your gas tank in case you experience road closures.

Do not approach down power lines.

If involved in a collision, remember once you leave your vehicle you are in danger.

If removing debris from the roadway, be sure to keep an eye on traffic.

Be sure to secure your load, especially with extreme winds.

Drivers are encouraged to utilize the DOT website for the latest road closure and detour information at www.wsdot.wa.gov. State Patrol Communications is receiving calls for the status of the Hood Canal Bridge and are requesting citizens utilize the DOT web page or dial 511 for the most up to date information.

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